

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of April 15, 2009 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the interface surface has a plurality of the coded tags tiled thereacross. Support for these amendments can be found at page 39, line 23-page 43, line 11 and page 87, lines 1-15 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 3, 9-13, 16-20 and 38-42 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 3, 9-13, 16-20 and 38-42 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Spitz in view of newly cited Longacre, because like Spitz, Longacre merely discloses a single barcode element, and does not teach or suggest tiling a plurality of coded tags over an interface surface. Indeed, if the 2D barcodes disclosed by Longacre have orientation independence as asserted by the Examiner, it would be reasonable to expect that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that more than one of the 2D barcodes is not necessary for detection given Longacre's (and Spitz's) silence on providing more than one barcode.

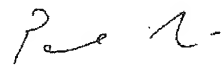
It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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